



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>Applicants:</b>	John H. Stevens et al.	<b>Docket:</b>	15302ZYXWAZ (HRT-176)
<b>Serial No.:</b>	10/665,236	<b>Examiner:</b>	David J. Isabella
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<b>For:</b>	MINIMALLY-INVASIVE DEVICES AND METHODS FOR TREATMENT OF CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE	<b>Dated:</b>	December 27, 2005
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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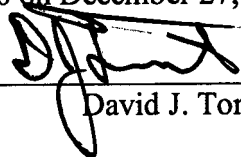
This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed 24 August 2005 in the above captioned application. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections is kindly requested in light of the following amendments and accompanying remarks. Please amend the application as follows.

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